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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN'S UNGA DELEGATION

1. MFA HAS ANNOUNCED GOP WILL BE SENDING TEN-PERSON OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO THE UNGA. DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ ZHMED WITH AMBASSADOR TO THE UN AKHUND AS DEPUTY LEADER. THE MINISTER IS LIKELY TO STAY IN NEW YORK ABOUT TWO WEEKS, AFTER WHICH FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI WILL GO TO NEW YORK TO LEAD THE DELEGATION. NAMES AND SHORT BIO INFORMATION ON REST OF DELEGATION FOLLOWS:

SYED ZAFAR ALI SHAH

A FORMERLY INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE SIND ASSEMBLY. HE JOINED THE PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY (PPP) ON JULY 23. IN HIS EARLY FORTIES; HE IS A PROMINENT LANDOWNER OF SIND.

SYED HASHIM RAZA

A FORMER MEMBER OF THE INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE (ICS), HE OPTED FOR PAKISTAN AT THE TIME OF PARTITION. HE IS NOW RETIRED. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS CENTRAL SECRETARY FOR HEALTH. HE NOW LIVES IN KARACHI AND TAKES ACTIVE
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INTEREST IN LITERARY (URDU POETRY), CULTURAL AND SOCIAL

ACTIVITIES. HE IS IN HIS LATE SIXTIES.

MR. MOHYUDDIN KHAN

SON OF THE KHAN OF KALAT, THE GOVERNOR OF BALUCHISTAN. HE JOINED PPP ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO. THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED HIM AS HIS POLITICAL SECRETARY ON AUGUST 1. A VOLUNTARY AND NON-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTN, HE DEALS WITH POLITICAL MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GOVERNOR BY HIS ADVISORS AND ALSO WITH THE PROBLEMS OF STUDENTS, FARMER AND WORKERS. HE IS IN LATE THIRTIES, AFFABLE AND POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS.

MR. ALI HUSSAIN QIZILBASH

A LAWYER AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PPP IN FRONTIER PROVINCE.

SARDAR KHIZAR HAYAT KHAN

A LAWYER AND LARGE LANDOWNER FROM THE PUNJAB, HE CAME INTO THE POLITICAL LIMELIGHT WHEN HE WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT DURING AYUB ERA IN THE MIDDLE SIXTIES AND WAS APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR FUEL, POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES. HE JOINED PPP IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

DR. MOHAMMAD ASLAM NAROO

PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY SECRETARY, RAHIM YAR KHAN DISTRICT IN THE PUNJAB. HE HAS A PH.D. IN CHEMISTRY AND RECENTLY TAUGHT IN U.S. IN ADDITION TO HIS POLITICAL WORK, HE OPERATES HIS OWN BUSINESS IN RAHIM YAR KHAN TOWN. HE IS REPORTEDLY WELL-TO-DO AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PPP FOR LAST TWO YEARS.

MRS. NILOUFAR MEHDI

CONSULATE LAHORE REPORTS MRS. MEHDI HAS AN M.A. (PROBABLY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE) AND LIVES IN LAHORE. SHE RECENTLY WROTE A BOOK ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH MAY HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN HER APPOINTMENT TO UNGA DELEGATION.

2. THREE REMAINING DELEGATES ARE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK, AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA AFTAB AHMAD KHAN AND MFA DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS MUNIR AKRAM.

3. GOP HAS FOLLOWED USUAL CRITERIA IN SELECTING THE

NON-MFA DELEGATES TO THE UNGA-REPRESENTATION FROM EACH
PROVINCE PLUS PROVEN PPP CREDENTIALS. KNOWLEDGE OF THE
INTRICACIES OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IS MERELY
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